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We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**SUBSTANTIALLY TRANSPARENT, ABRASION-RESISTANT FILMS CONTAINING
SURFACE-TREATED NANOCRYSTALLINE PARTICLES**

the specification of which was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 29, 2000, and assigned Serial No. 09,726,686.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims. We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, section 119(a)-(d) or section 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or section 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

NONE.

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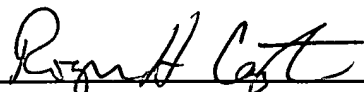
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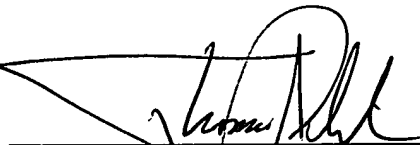
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**DECLARATION OF ATTORNEY THOMAS J. WIMBISCUS
SUPPORTING COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS**

I, Thomas J. Wimbiscus, hereby declare that the present patent application, as identified above in the caption, is the application which the inventors executed on January 26 and 29, 2001, by signing the Declaration And Power of Attorney enclosed herewith.

All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true. I have been warned that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18 U.S. Code 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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